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TO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, GY

SUBJECT: CARTER-BURNHAM LETTER

REF: STATE 138939

1. DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE
DECIDED THAT LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRIME
MINISTER BURNHAM SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.
AMBASSADOR'S CONCERNS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BUT
SINCE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT A MEETING BETWEEN
THE PRESIDENT AND BURNHAM CAN TAKE PLACE EVEN IN 1979,
DELIVERY OF LETTER WOULD BE ONLY POSSIBLE GESTURE
TOWARD GUYANESE PRIME MINISTER.

2. IN DELIVERING LETTER AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE POINT
THAT THE LETTER IS A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION BE-
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TWEEN THE TWO LEADERS AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE PM
WILL TREAT IT AS SUCH.

3. IF PRESSED, AMBASSADOR MAY INFORM GOG THAT A MEETING
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND BURNHAM IS NOT POSSIBLE THIS
YEAR AND ONLY A REMOTE POSSIBILITY IN 1979.

4. AMBASSADOR SHOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION TO GOG OFFICIALS TO WHOM HE DELIVERS LETTER DEPARTMENT'S GROWING CONCERN OVER TREND OF EVENTS IN GUYANA AND ESCALATING EFFORT BY GOG TO RAM THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. AMBASSADOR MAY POINT OUT THE IMPACT THAT THESE EVENTS COULD HAVE ON THE SO FAR SATISFACTORY HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF GUYANA. IN THIS CONTEXT AMBASSADOR SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE CENTER-PIECE OF THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY. VANCE

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